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**NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S) AS A SMALL ENTITY**  
(37 C.F.R. §1.28(C))

## Filing of Small Entity Statement

1. On February 2, 2004, a small entity statement was filed in this

☒ application,☐ patent.

## Payment of Fee(s) as Small Entity

(complete the following applicable item(s))

2. ☒ The filing fee was paid on February 2, 2004☐ The issue fee was paid on☐ The 3 1/2 year maintenance fee was paid on☐ Other:

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## Error

3. The error in the payment of fee(s) as small entity was as follows:

- ☐ Although applicant is a small entity, the small entity statement was, through error, not signed by all persons or entities having an interest.
- ☐ Although applicant is a small entity, the small entity statement was, through error, not signed by proper authorized person.
- ☒ Although erroneously believed itself entitled to small entity status, and has now discovered that this is not so.
- ☐ Before the payment of the fee, a change occurred whereby small entity status could not be claimed by applicant, and through error, the PTO was not notified.
- ☐ Other:

## Fee Payment for Deficiency

**WARNING:** "The deficiency is based on the amount of the fee for other than a small entity, in effect at the time the deficiency is paid in full" 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c).

(check and complete the following applicable item)

4. ☐ No fee for deficiency is due, because this notification is within two months of the time of the payment of the fee, and there is attached a correct statement for the status of the applicant as small entity. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(a)).
- ☒ Payment is attached for the sum of \$385.00, for the deficiency between the amount of fee(s) paid and the amount due.

*Note: Calculation of deficiency amounts are to be based on the fee levels in effect at the time of the payment of the deficiency. Refer to notice of September 14, 1992, 1143 O.G. 33-40, at 33 and 37 C.F. R. 1.28(c).*

## Fee Payment

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$
- ☐ Charge our Account 20-0778 in the amount of \$ . A duplicate of this paper is attached.
- ☐ Please charge our Account 20-0778 for any fee deficiency.
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**Further Status As Small Entity**

☐ Because a proper small entity statement

☐ has been filed on

☐ is attached

the status of this case is as a small entity.

☒ Status as a small entity is hereby withdrawn.

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